

Confident Prayer

Luke 18:1-8

•**Ephesians 6:18** Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all saints.

•**1Peter 1:13** Prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

A. Principles of Mind Preparation

1. Break through the _____ barrier.

•**Jeremiah 33:3** 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

2. Recognize _____.

•**Hebrews 11:6** Anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

3. _____ your expectations.

"If I throw out a boathook from the boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me, or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God."

~E. Stanley Jones

B. Strategy points

1. Pray with _____.

•**2 Corinthians 6:7:** ...with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left.

1. Scriptures
2. The Saints.
3. Fasting

“If every Christian fasted, the results could shake our society like a wind-storm bending a sapling. Christians would demonstrate that they live differently, that their faith is imperative, that the Almighty works in their daily lives. If all our churches fasted, they would move forward in evangelism and reach out in feeding and helping others. God would then pour His presence upon His people.”

~Elmer Towns

•**1John 5:14** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to **his will**, he hears us.

•**Romans 8:27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes** for the saints in accordance with God's will.

•**Luke 18:8** When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

C. We don't pray to _____ the Lord. We pray to
_____ the Lord.